

Office of the Mayor
Black Diamond, Washington



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness and prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders; and
- WHEREAS,** all people have the fundamental and inherent value to be accepted and treated with respect, human dignity and worth; and
- WHEREAS,** individuals should have access to fully participate in community life including economic advancement and prosperity; fair and decent housing; quality education; positive opportunities to benefit from and contribute to material, cultural, and social progress; and
- WHEREAS,** it is critical to educate our policymakers, friends and family members, health care providers, and businesses that substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions, with the same urgency as they would any other health condition; and
- WHEREAS,** all Americans have the opportunity to access provisions within the Affordable Care Act and Mental Health Parity and Addictions Equity Act (MHPAEA) aimed to improve physical and emotional health while ensuring people will receive the care they need at a more reasonable cost; and
- WHEREAS,** substance use and mental disorders are serious public health problems, and we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and
- WHEREAS,** to help more people achieve long-term recovery, and learn how recovery positively benefits the Nation's overall well-being, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and local human service agencies invite all residents of Black Diamond, Washington to participate in *National Recovery Month: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover (Recovery Month)*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Olness, Mayor of the City of Black Diamond, on behalf of the Black Diamond City Council, call upon Black Diamond residents to observe the month of September with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "**Join the Voices for Recovery; Recovery Benefits Everyone**" and do hereby proclaim in the City of Black Diamond, the month of September 2011 as a month to recognize

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH



Rebecca Olness, Mayor